

The House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications offers the following substitute to HR 10:

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Public Water Systems Serving Communities in
2 Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to the citizens of this state to study the drinking water
4 resources available throughout Georgia and especially in disadvantaged communities, and
5 to identify federal funding resources that can improve water quality and availability.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

7 (1) **Creation of House study committee.** There is created the House Study Committee
8 on Public Water Systems Serving Communities in Georgia.

9 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
10 House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a member of the committee as chairperson
12 of the committee.

13 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
14 issues, and problems related to the availability and quality of drinking water in the State
15 of Georgia as well as the availability of federal projects and funding that may be
16 beneficial for Georgia, and recommend any legislation which the committee deems
17 necessary or appropriate.

18 (4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee
19 may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or
20 convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and
21 accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

22 (5) **Allowances and funding.** The legislative members of the committee shall receive
23 the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia
24 Annotated. The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any
25 member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized.
26 Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds
27 appropriated to the House of Representatives.

28 (6) **Report.**

29 (A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that
30 include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the
31 same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to
32 subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

33 (B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for
34 proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C)
35 of this paragraph.

36 (C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of
37 abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee.
38 A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with
39 the Clerk of the House of Representatives.

40 (D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Clerk of the
41 House of Representatives a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu
42 thereof.

43 (7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2023.